



MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 5

DEPT.: Recreation and Parks

DATE: October 26, 2004

ACTION: Proclamation declaring November 2004 as National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

Proclamation will be accepted by Mr. Michael Nephew (Cherokee and Seneca) President of the Washington area American Indian Society, accompanied by the Rockville American Indian Festival Committee.

ACTION STATUS:

FOR THE MEETING OF: 11/1/04

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ROCKVILLE CITY CODE,
CHAPTER
SECTION

☐ **CONSENT AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION: Read and Present Proclamation

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other: **Cultural**

BACKGROUND: The City of Rockville (along with Montgomery County, the State of Maryland, and the United States governments) has issued proclamations annually for the last four years.

The proclamation will be accepted this year by Michael Nephew (President of the Washington Area American Indian Society) and the Rockville American Indian Festival Committee members:

Juanita Echo-Hawk Neconie (Pawnee/Otoe-Missouri) Festival Coordinator;

Betty Valdes (Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries);

Tina Clarke (Office of the County Executive);

Michelle Bird (Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold, ND); and

Karen Rawlins (Cherokee-Eastern Band) City of Rockville.

The City of Rockville also co-sponsors the Annual American Indian Festival held in Rockville each year. This year the 7th Annual American Indian Festival will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2004 10 am – 5 pm at the County Executive Office Building. It is Free and Open to the Public. Rain or shine. This year the Festival is dedicated to the Echo-Hawk family.

Another item of interest is the display of American Indian artwork and sculpture at Rockville City Hall during November.

PREPARED BY:

Karen Rawlins
Karen Rawlins, Community Recreation Programs Supervisor

10/26/04
Date

APPROVE:

Burt Hall
Burt Hall, Director of Recreation and Parks

10.26.04
Date

APPROVE:

Catherine Tuck Parrish
Catherine Tuck Parrish, Acting City Manager

10/26/04
Date

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation



WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives have played a vital role in the life of our country, and their many contributions have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and

WHEREAS, by celebrating National American Indian Heritage month, we reaffirm our commitment to remember those contributions and to honor the unique heritage of our continent's first inhabitants, and

WHEREAS, this special observance reflects the rich heritage and great influence that American Indians and Alaska Natives have contributed to our nation's history and culture and also reflects our continuing commitment to American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments as an integral part of the social, political, and economic fabric of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Larry Giammo, along with the Council of Rockville, do hereby proclaim November 2004 as National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, and urge all city residents to participate in this observance, thereby fostering the celebration of diversity and keeping strong the rich cultural foundation of our community.

Mayor Larry Giammo
Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey
Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.
Councilmember Susan R. Hoffmann
Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

November 1, 2004